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Application Number	10/562,781
Filing Date	27 December 2005
Art Unit	Unknown
Examiner Name	Unknown

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Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

MENISCUS PRESERVING IMPLANT METHOD AND APPARATUS

the specification of which

(Title of the Invention)

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OR

 was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) **06/25/2004** as United States Application Number or PCT InternationalApplication Number **PCT/US2004/020458** and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) (if applicable).

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Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Not Claimed	Certified Copy Attached? Yes	Certified Copy Attached? No
PCT/US2004/020458	WO	06/25/2004	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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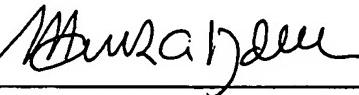
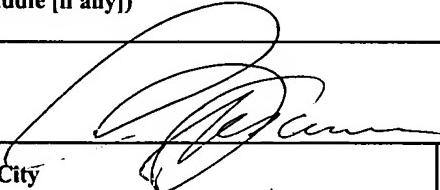
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